

# Consultation on regulations regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American cultural items

## Scottsdale/Phoenix, AZ, October 14-16, 2007

The National Park Service will host three consultation meetings and a facilitated dialogue session (recommended by the Review Committee) to obtain oral and written recommendations on regulations to be drafted regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony that are excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands after November 16, 1990 [43 CFR 10.7].

**1. Tribal consultation:** October 14, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Chaparral Suites Resort, 5001 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Authorized representatives of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and traditional Native American religious leaders are invited to participate in this meeting. Tribal representatives wishing to make a public presentation at this session should submit a request to do so by October 8, 2007, including evidence that you are authorized to speak on behalf of an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization. This meeting supports the Secretary of the Interior's administrative policy on tribal consultation by encouraging maximum direct participation of representatives of tribal governments on important Departmental issues and processes.

**2. Museum consultation:** October 14, 2007, 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Chaparral Suites Resort, 5001 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Authorized representatives of museums and national museum and scientific organizations are invited to participate in this meeting. This meeting supports the Secretary of the Interior's responsibility to consult with museums and the scientific community in the development of these regulations. Museum representatives wishing to make a public presentation at this session should submit a request to do so by October 8, 2007, including evidence that you are authorized to speak on behalf of a museum or national museum or scientific organization.

**3. Museum-Tribal Dialogue:** October 14, 2007, 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Chaparral Suites Resort, 5001 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250. This facilitated discussion, recommended by the Review Committee, will provide authorized representatives of Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums and national museum and scientific

organizations with a forum to identify points of agreement regarding the disposition of unclaimed Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. The results of the museum-tribal dialogue will be reported to the Review Committee at its October 15-16, 2007 meeting.

**4. Review Committee consultation:** October 15-16, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Heard Museum, 2301 North Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004. This meeting supports the Department of the Interior's responsibility to consult with the Review Committee regarding the development of regulations. Time will be scheduled during the Review Committee meeting for members of the public to provide oral and written recommendations. Members of the public wishing to make a public presentation at the Review Committee meeting should submit a request to do so by October 8, 2007.

Requests to make presentations at any of the sessions should be faxed to (202) 371-5197 by October 8, 2007. Written comments may be mailed to Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be faxed to Sherry Hutt at (202) 371-5197. Written comments should be postmarked or faxed no later than December 1, 2007.

Participants in the consultation meetings are requested to comment on the following issues:

- (1) How should the regulations address distinctions between:
  - (a) human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony remaining in Federal care for which ownership or control is with a lineal descendant or an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization on whose lands the cultural items were discovered?
  - (b) human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony remaining in Federal care for which an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization has stated a claim based on cultural affiliation, aboriginal land, or cultural relationship?
  - (c) human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony remaining in Federal care for which a nonfederally recognized Indian group has stated a claim based on a relationship of shared group identity?
  - (d) human remains and associated funerary objects remaining in Federal care for which no claim has been made?

- (2) Do current regulations regarding the curation of Federally-owned and administered archaeological collections [36 CFR 79] adequately address the management, preservation, and use of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony remaining in Federal care?

### **Other Events**

- October 13, 2007: One-day NAGPRA training sponsored by the National NAGPRA Program, Chaparral Suites Resort, 5001 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Registration required.

### **Accommodations**

A block of rooms is being held at the Chaparral Suites Resort, 5001 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, telephone: 1-800-528-1456. Mention you are with the "NAGPRA group." Reservations must be made prior to September 12, 2007 to ensure the reduced room rate.